

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Planning and Development	Licensing and Public Safety Committee	Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	No
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Revised Gambling Policy 2022 – 2025

Purpose of the Report

1. This report is to outline to Members the proposed revisions required to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling). The last Gambling Policy was published on 31st January 2019 and is due to expire on the 31st January 2022.

Recommendations

2. Members should consider all revisions and recommendations for approval to full council before the 31st January 2022

Corporate priorities

3. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (please bold all those applicable):

An exemplary council	Thriving communities
A fair local economy that works for everyone	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places

Background to the report

4. The council's Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling) sets out the way the council will generally promote the Licensing Objectives when considering and making decisions on applications made under the Gambling Act (the Act).

The council's current Statement of Policy is due to expire on the 31st of January 2022. Under the Act policies endure for a 3-year period.

5. The council is constrained by the provisions of the Act, the Guidance and any Regulations made under the Act. However, the Authority may depart from the Guidance if it has reason to do so but must give full justification for any such departure.

6. The council is required by Section 349 of the Act to publish a new Gambling policy by the 31st of January 2022. This Statement of Policy shall be effective from the 31st January 2022 and shall remain in effect for three years; therefore, this Statement will be reviewed again in January 2025.
7. South Ribble does not have a particularly wide offer of Gambling establishments with 11 Betting shops, most of which are national operators. The gaming machine offer is much broader with virtually every Licensed Premises in the Borough taking advantage of the right to site machines in their premises.

Changes required to your Gambling Policy

8. Below are the updates required for your Gambling Policy. Only relatively minor modifications are being proposed. This includes a minor amendment to the Local area Profile.

Page 3, section 1.1 of your Policy currently states;

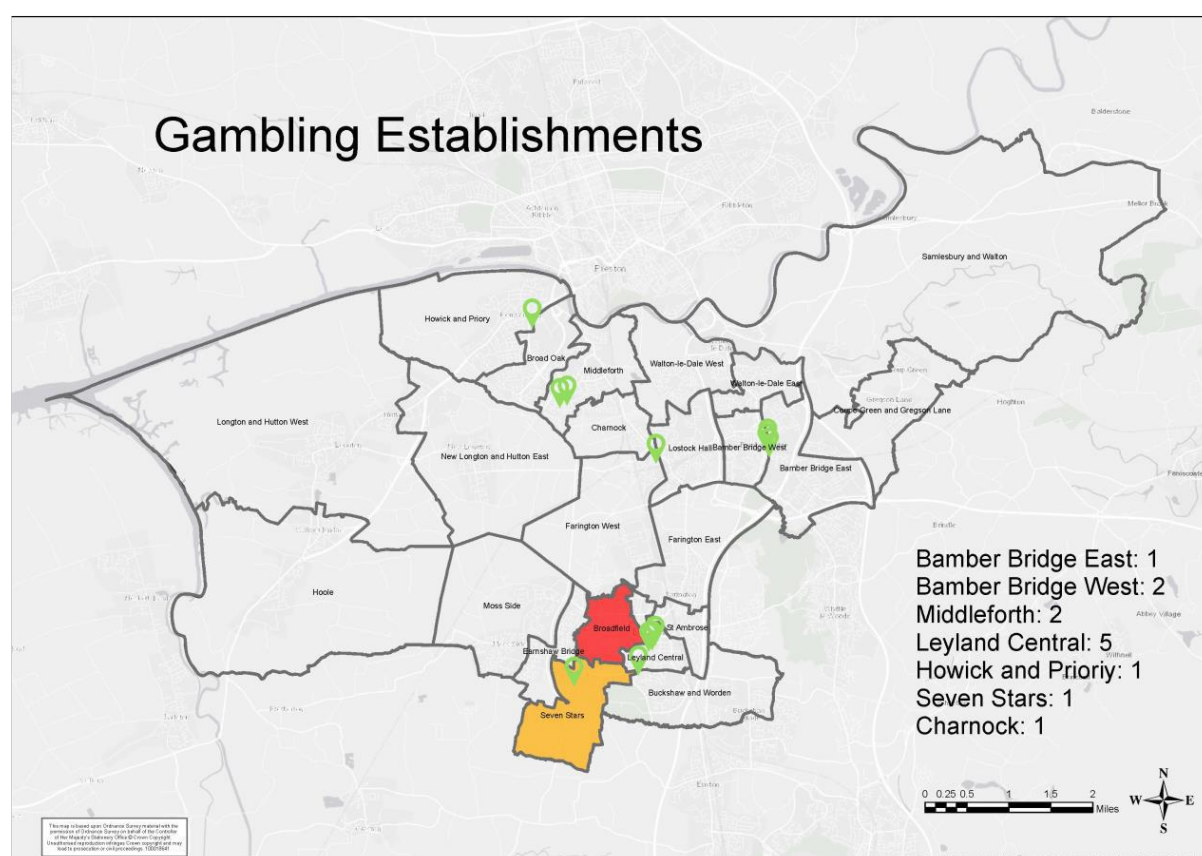
“The population in South Ribble is 103,900 which has remained relatively stable over the last decade following a period of rapid growth in the 1970s and 1980s.”

To be replaced by;

*“The population in South Ribble is **111,086** which has remained relatively stable over the last decade following a period of rapid growth in the 1970s and 1980s.”*

And;

Page 4, section 1.1 of your Policy currently shows the following data;





12. The duty to review the policy every three years is referred to in the body of the report as well as the consideration of the policy in making determinations under the Gambling Act 2005.

13. Functions under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 including approval of the policy are reserved to full Council by virtue of Section 154(2)(c) of the 2005 Act.

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report

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